

REMARKS

Claims 8-21, and 23-27 are in this application and are presented for consideration.

Claims 8, 15, and 23 have been amended.

The claims have been amended to address the Examiner's objections, incorporate the Examiner's suggestions and to place the application in better form.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone interview on November 15, 2005. The claims have been amended in accordance with the topics discussed during the interview. In particular the claims have been amended to remove the feature of the inner part being completely embedded in the rubber buffer. This should now overcome the rejection in sections 2 and 3 of the office action.

The rejection in sections 5 and 6 of the office action was also discussed, and it was determined that this rejection should be referring to claim 23. The rejection was discussed with regard to claim 23, and how the first portion holds itself in pretension. It is applicant's understanding that claim 23 is now clear in this regard and that this rejection is overcome.

Claim 22 has not been rejected in view of the prior art. Claim 22 originally depended from independent claim 15. Claim 15 has been amended to include the features of claim 22. It is applicant's position that claim 15 should now be in condition for allowance.

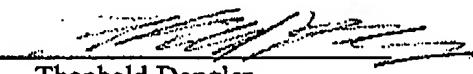
The features of claim 22 have also been added to independent claims 8 and 23. It is applicant's position that claims 8 and 23 should now also be in condition for allowance.

Applicant again thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview, and for indicating that the features of claim 22 defined over the applied prior art. If the Examiner has any comments

or suggestions which would further favorable prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative by telephone to discuss possible changes.

At this time Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, and based on the above amendments and remarks, respectfully solicits allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted  
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